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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BONNER).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC.

May 18, 2006.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JO BONNER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

Chaplain Blain Maurice Stout, Jr., Office of the Army Chief of Chaplains, Arlington, Virginia, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, You dwell in lofty places, yet You also live in the hearts of those who are lowly in spirit. The greatness of Your person inspires our heart to worship, while the goodness of Your concern shapes our character to wholeness.

As we align ourselves with Your nature, fling open the shuttered windows of our souls so that we may see beyond the walls of individual perspective and view this world, at least in part, as You do.

As we remember our military, wipe the tears from the faces of broken-hearted warriors who have lost beloved comrades. For the families of the fallen heroes, be a "father to the orphan and husband to the widow." Encourage all who support them in this Congress, and we ask Your blessing on the military chaplaincy, whose courageous spirit and compassionate service provide for the free exercise of religion.

In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the

last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Georgia (Ms. MCKINNEY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. MCKINNEY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### RECOGNIZING CHAPLAIN MAURY STOUT

(Mr. RYUN of Kansas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome Chaplain Maury Stout to the House floor. Chaplain Stout is presently an action officer at the Army Chief of Chaplains at the Pentagon. Prior to that he served as the brigade chaplain for the First Brigade, First Infantry Division at Fort Riley in my district.

Prior to coming to Fort Riley, Chaplain Stout served as the Task Force Chaplain at Camp Kabal, Kuwait. He has also served at many other posts and was awarded the FORSCOM Excellence in Ministry Award while serving as the Squadron Chaplain at Fort Polk, Louisiana.

Chaplain Stout is impressively educated, holding degrees from Central Bible College, Harvard University, the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary, and Georgetown University.

He has been honored with numerous awards, including the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism

Service Medal, the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, the Korean Defense Service Medal, to name just a few.

But I am sure he will tell you that his highest honor is with his family, who is up here seated in the gallery today, his wife, Jeressa, and they have four children.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to welcome Chaplain Stout to the House Chamber. I commend him for his outstanding service, and express my appreciation to him for opening our session today.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will recognize each side for up to 10 minutes for 1-minute remarks.

### RECOGNIZING GEORGE OLSON

(Mr. FOLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a heroic American that winters in my district and lives in Muskegon, Michigan. George Olson, a World War II veteran, has traveled here with his family to visit the long-overdue memorial dedicated to veterans of the greatest generation.

Sergeant Olson served in the European theater in the U.S. Army Air Force as a tail gunner in a B-17. His plane was shot down, he was held a prisoner of war for some 11 months. Mr. Olson was awarded the Purple Heart, among other commendations.

The sacrifice of those like Sergeant Olson ensured we could live in a free society as we do today, and they deserve every bit of gratitude we can offer.

Like so many silent heroes of his generation, Mr. Olson returned home,

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